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History of the school known as
Elbow or Number One, Blue Township
Pottawatomie County, Kansas KANS.

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Donated to Riley County Genealogical Society to be used in conjunction with a Number One school roll whose date was 1870. The teacher was John C, Soupene. He was my great Uncle. My great grandfather was John Louis Soupene an early settler who came from France. John C. Soupene was his son. John C. was educated at Kansas State Agricultureal College

Gwendolyn Paslay Booth -(4)

Minerva Soupene Paslay -(3)

Cranmer H. Soupene -(2)

John Louis Soupene. -(1)

John C. Soupene and Cranmer were brothers.

A HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL KNOWN AS ELBOW OR NUMBER ONE,
BLUE TOWNSHIP, POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY, KANSAS, 1862
NOW KNOWN AS GREEN VALLEY, DISTRICT 118.

Written by Mary Grady Irvine - a teacher in 1916

FORWARD

When I first became associated with the territory which is now School District No. 118, many of the older folk talked of the districts early history. It was interesting as it had undergone more changes than most districts and occupied a unique position in the corner of a township, in the corner of a county and bounded on two sides by sizable rivers, that formed natural barriers. Like all tales from memory there appeared minor discrepencies.

Forty years later after nearly all the old timers were dead, I decided to search the available records and piece together as much authentic history as I could. The oldest source of material was the oldest record book in the Pottawatomie County Superintendent's office, which gave a fairly clear record of the events in the 1860's. District No. 1. furnished considerable material dating from March 28, 1867 to the time of latest consolidation in 1947. This material was contained in clerk and Treasures Records and Teacher's Registers and Class Records. The task was rendered more difficult as many times the date line would record only the day and month, not the year. Practically always the year could be established but it required much research. The one thing that remained constant and perfectly clear was the legal description of lands.

It was not easy to decide how to write about this data. Most people would only be interested in a summary. To satisfy them I wrote the general history. For those that would be interested in more detail I prepared supplementary sheets including legal descriptions of districts involved and for District No. 1 lists of school boards teachers with their salaries and school census, until recent times when reports were sent regularly to County Superintendent. The individual records of Districts 76, 94, 96 and even 21 would interest some but I didn't feel interested enough to take the time necessary to hunt them up.

Words or sentences in parenthesis are not in the records but there for clarification or reference.

The history of District 118 is another proof of the old adage, "History repeats itself", since it has practically the same amount of territory as District No. 1, in 1871. District 118 lost two square miles on the North West to Cedar Creek, One square mile on North East to District FLUSH but gained one and one-fourth miles on South East.

HISTORY OF DISTRICT NO 1 POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY

1862

Blue Township of Pottawatomie County (see legal description) was organized into one school district in December 1862 by the election of the following school board; John L. Soupene, Director; S. V. Lee, Clerk; and Malchi Glenn, Treasurer.

1863

On the first day of January, 1863 there were 70 children in the district between the ages of 5 and 21 years. Sometime between July 1 and December 31 there was three months of school with 18 pupils enrolled. The teacher whose name was not listed received $12 per month. District received $43.31 from State Fund.

1864

In 1864 this district was designated number 1 of Pottawatomie County. Melinda Wilson taught three months of school for which she received $13. per month. School Census was 60.

1865

In 1865, $38.73 was received from State Funds for holding three months school. School Census was 72.

1866

By the formation of District No. 21, (Known as Cracker Box) which was located just east of the southeast part of District NO. 1, a strip of land one mile wide east and west and two and ofe half miles long north and south in southeast corner of District NO. 1 was given to District No. 21.

1867 to April 1869

At the annual meeting on March 28, 1867 a motion carried to divide District No. 1. There was much discussion about boundary lines. The result of this action was the formation of Districts No. 26 and No. 32 from part of the territory of District No. 1.

District No. 26 was a rectangular territory bounded on the west by the Elbow road, on the south by a line one mile north of Hiway 24E, on the east by a line one half mile east of Lake Elbo Road and on the north by the road just north of Weltch Schoolhouse (see legal description). This district received State Funds for two years so must have had some school during 1867 and 1868. During the two years of this districts existence John L. Soupene was director; James L. Soupene clerk; Joseph Spaulding and Chas P. Smith treasurers. Years later much of this territory was given to Weltch District No. 76 and Mt. Vernon District No. 96.

District No. 32 was bounded on the west by the Blue River (old channel); on the south by the Kansas River on the east by the Swamp Angel Road and north line was one mile north of Hiway 24E. (See legal description). Just a year after its formation all the land lying between the Kansas and Blue River (old channel) west of the E line of Sec. 9 T 10 R 8 Reck's corner) was given to district no 2. Riley County to form Joint District No. 4. This proposed district never materialized.

While it is recorded that the two years of District NO. 32's existence except Welcome Wells was clerk, gave order in favor of District NO. 1 for 17.24 for building fund and no state funds were received because they held no school.

Cedar Creek District NO. 36 was organized in 1868 from territory in the northwest part of District NO. 1. (See Legal Description). The following officers were elected at the home of Robert Mays in February 1868. Griffin, Director; Wm. S. Craig, Treasurer; and J. H. Barnes, Clerk. The history of this district from here on is of little concern to Distct NO. 1 as it was never again reunited to district NO. 1 Some years later Sections 20 and 29 T 9 R 8 in the northwest corner of District NO. 1 was given to District NO. 36.

District NO. 1 in 1867

Going back to the time of the division of District NO. 1 into the three district districts we will take up a detailed account of what happened in District NO. 1. After the formation of Districts NO. 26 and NO. 32, a special meeting was held in District NO. 1 to decide about a site and erection of a school house. Two sites, the S.W. corner of John Richard's land and the N.E. corner of Wm. Hurlbert's land which received majority votes in separate meetings, were abondoned when the will of T. Blackly was made public. So the year 1867 seems to have passed with no school taught nor anything definite about a site or school building except a motion carried to levy 5 mills tax for building purposes.

District NO. 1 in 1868

On March 26, 1868 the annual meeting of District NO. 1 was held at the home of John J. Kearns. This meeting besides electing officers voted to accept the terms of the Blackly Will (Which see). The site designated in this will was the N. E. corner of W ½ of N.E.¼ of Sec. 4 T 10 R 8 (near the Josiah Richard home). The school board received the deed and the school house as far as completed on May 20th. and hired Andrew Torin to complete the stone work @ $1.60 per perch. O. W. Bill was to receive 45 cents per perch for hauling stone from the quarry. On August 6th. there was a special meeting called to vote taxes to run the school and pay District NO. 1's indindebtness to Districts NO. 26 and NO. 32. During the remainder of the year $290.08 was paid by the board to various individuals who helped with the construction of the school house. Mr. Phil Pratt received $6 rent for a three month's school held in his home.

1869

At the annual meeting March 25, 1869, District NO. 1 besides electing officers and voting funds, the school board was instructed to take bids to put in door, window and floor in school house (Blackly) to be finished before May 1869.

After just two years of separate existences District NO. 26 and NO. 32 decided to again unite with District NO. 1. On April 16, 1869, the school boards of District NO. 1 elected less than a month before, resigned so a new board could be selected to represent the consolidated district. The County Superintendent appointed Welcome Wells, Director; J. W. Love Clerk and J. L. Soupene, Treasurer. On May 8th. the board was instructed to procure a house for three months summer school. Records do not state whether Blackly School was completed or if school was ever held there.

On July 17, 1869, three months after consolidation a special meeting was called

to vote a $2,000 bond issue or so much thereof as needed for erection of school house (Rock Elbow School). It seems to have passed with only 6 opposing votes. Board was to advertise for bids in a Manhattan paper until August 2, 1869. On August 10, 1869 a special meeting convened to open the bids. The bids were: Joseph Steward $982.50; John McCoy, $1,000; H. B. Beemers $1,025 and Albert Flanders $1,025. Many were dissatisfied with the voting on the Bids at this meeting so another meeting was called for September 10, to take another vote. The building was to be completed by December 1, 1869. The results of this last voting was John McCoy, 7 votes; Albert Flanders, 4 votes; and J. Stewart, 1 vote, As M. Glenn withdrew his offer to sell a site (N.W. corner of N.E. ¼ of Sec. 3 T10 R8), S. V. Lee offered to sell one acre of his farm. (SW Cor. of S E¼ of Sec. 34 T9 R8) for $15. This was accepted on Dec. 28, 1869, the school board contracted with B. W. Powers of Manhattan to build a school house for a $1,000. The demensions were 23 ft X 37ft. X 10ft. high and to be completed by March 1, 1870. From subsequent references to a foundation built by John McCoy we presume he failed to build the structure by the time specified and the contract was made with B. W. Powers.

1870

The Rock Elbow School must have been finished before the annual meeting held March 31, 1870 for all bills accumulated by work on the new building including $1000 to B. W. Powers were paid by that time.

It was voted at this meeting to have S. Richards see about purchasing one acre of land on which the Blackly school house was built and dispose of same to the best possible advantage and apply the proceeds to the seating in the new school house. The land was purchased for $30. The District later deeded their right and title to the Blackly School to J. H. Limbocker for a note for $200. to run six months @ 10% interest. This school house would have only netted the district $170.

At this meeting J. L. Soupene brought up the subject of paying John McCoy for the foundation he built. Daniel McCoy moved to pay John McCoy $100 but the motion lost. (On March 27, 1873 at the annual meeting the school board was ordered to remove this foundation). There's no explanation in the records as to why John McCoy didn't complete the school as contracted.

At this meeting in 1870 we find the first record of tuition payment for those west of J. M. Garrett's E line. (Approximately west of present Blue River Bridge).

Bonds issued to build the school house were paid off in four years.

1871 to 1875

District No. 1 seems to be well organized and operating more efficiently in the newly erected school house. On May 9, 1872 a well contract was given B. P. Williams. He was to receive $2 per foot for first 30 feet, $3 per foot for next 30 feet and $4 per foot between 60 to 90 feet. (No doubt it was a dug well). The school treasury was exhausted so M. Glenn was to furnish the money and the district was to pay him 15% interest. Williams failed his part of the contract and it was given to J.P. Lundgren. Lungren completed the well for $76.30 and Costello furnished rock for $2.30. Money was borrowed from M. Glenn for $3.70 interest for 90 days and 12% thereafter. David George built well curb for $4.00 the board furnishing materials including buckets, wheel, rope, and fixtures.

During these school years board members were elected for only one year terms.

It often happened that a complete new board would be elected. There was no permanent regulations regarding school terms either as to time of beginning or length. School terms began in February, March, April, May, August, September, October, November and December. No terms happened to start in January, June nor July. There was no state adopted text. One record states that the school board met to decide on texts.

Enrollment appeared heavier during winter terms but varied greatly from term to term and from year to year. From the Teacher's Registers it seems the younger children attended the fall and spring terms and the older children the winter term. Popularity of the teacher may have had an influence on enrollment. Teachers wages were from $30 to $40 per month except during a three month term in the winter of '71 and '72 when A. E. Costello received $50. Enrollment that term was a high 63 but John Swingle was only paid $37.50 a month for teaching four months starting September 21, 1874 when the enrollment was 91. That was the longest term up to that time and the all time high in enrollment according to the records available. Teachers were not paid until the end of the term and generally the board had to borrow the money at a high rate of interest.

District No. 76 (Weltch) was organized about the close of this period. There is record of District No. 1 paying District No. 76, $30 for their apportionment of school house and other property in 1874. Also at this time enrollment dropped. District No. 1 lost some territory in the northeast corner to the newly formed district. In spite of the foregoing based on records found in this district -- records in the County Superintendents office gives 1883 as the organization date for District No. 76.

1875 -- 1883

In 1875 the S E¼ and E½ of N E½ of Sec 11 T 10 R 8 was attached to District No. 21. (S E¼ is the quarter where the C. K. Dehydrator is located and the other property is the John Parry farm).

At the annual meeting in 1875 we find the beginning of the three year term for board members. However there were many resignations and appointments in the next few years in the district.

Evidently the roads near the Elbow School were not in the same location as today for in 1882 the school board was instructed to have a stone fence built on the south and west sides of the school lot.

Enrollment had again increased toward the end of this period.

A special meeting was held July 3, 1883 when the district was to be divided or another school built. The County Superintendent was present. It was voted to keep the district intact and build another school house. It was left up to the people in the Southeast part of the district to decide where the new school house should be built. At a subsequent meeting they reconsidered this action and voted 20 against and 7 for a new school house. The final outcome was the organization in the fall of 1883 of District No. 94 (Swamp Angel) taking considerable territory from the south east corner of District No. 1.

1883 -- 1947

Shortly after the establishment of the Swamp Angel District, Mt. Vernon School District No. 96 (near Mt. Zion U.B. Church) was organized taking away still more of

District No. 1 territory. Thus in approximately 10 years much territory was lost to the district on northeast, east and southeast by the formation of these new districts. From this time for over 60 years the district's territory remained the same except for minor changes.

In August 1887 petition from the people living just east of Manhattan in District No. 1 was presented to the school board of Manhattan City asking to be annexed to the city for school privileges. This petition was accepted placing the east line of the territory thus annexed just east of S.W. qt of Sec. 9 running from Big Blue River on the north to the Kansas River on the south (Keck's Sales Barn Line). This annexation didn't seem to include any transfer of property for in 1888 the annual meeting voted to pay the west end of the District their proportion of school money according to number of school children. The next year it was voted to pay tuition of pupils of property holders west of J.M. Garrett's east line (New Channel Bridge).

District No. 1 from 1870 until the consolidation of March 1, 1947 made some special provision for the schooling of pupils living just east of Manhattan. Usually it was by payment of tuition to the manhattan school system and as long as it was safe for children to walk on roads this was a fairly satisfactory arrangement. With the increase of traffic on the hiway and an increase in tuition rates District No. 1 hired a man with a car to bring the pupils to the Elbow School House. This arrangement lasted several years. The dividing line west of which the District made special provisions for schooling, changed from time to time.

By the turn of the Century we find the territory of Blue Township divided among several Districts. I believe only Elbow District No. 1, Cedar Creek District No. 96 and Swamp Angel District No. 94 were wholly within the township. Some Blue Township territory was part of Weltch District No. 76, Mt. Vernon District No. 96, Cracker Box District No. 21, McIntyre District No. 99 and District No. 2.

Through the years State school legislation was passed which changed the solution of school problems from a haphazard proceedure. School terms were 7 or 8 months long for rural schools starting early in September. Elbow and Swamp Angel maintained 8 months of school but Mt. Vernon and Weltch Districts without taxable utilities could only afford 7 month terss.

World War I upset the economic conditions and speeded up the use of power machinery, which in turn permitted one operator to farm more land thus depleting farm population. By 1940 the problem of dwindling rural school populations became acute.

The state legislature felt it a progressive move to consolidate school districts Laws were passed to encourage if not to compel consolidation. A Pottawatomie County Committee during the early part of 1947, presented a master plan for the consolidation of the county's rural schools.

By their plan approximately the east half of Blue Township was annexed to St. George and the west part of township was to be a consolidation of several one room schools. These schools except the west part of District No. 1 had been closed for several years and were transporting their pupils to Manhattan.

The patrons of District No. 1 and District No. 94 were displeased with the plan. They worked out a substitute plan whereby all of District No. 1, all of District No. 94, 45% of District No. 96 and 45% of District No. 76 would consolidate. This plan

complied with the state laws and became a reality on March 1, 1947. A board was elected to represent the different portions of the enlarged district. The Elbow and Swamp Angel schools were used until the completion of the new building in January 1953.

In May 1953 the property of old District No. 1 was sold for $1000, and the property of District No. 94 was sold for $3,500. The properties of Districts 96 and Districts 76 had been sold several years before.

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SCHOOL CENSUS IN EARLY YEARS.

(5 to 21 years)

Year	Total	Year	Total
1862	70	1872	108
1863	69	1873	82
1864	60	1874	90
1865	72	1875	102
1866	--	1876	105
1867	--	1877	86
1868	20 while district was divided.	1878	82
1869	85	1879	81
1870	98	1880	102
1871	104	1881	92

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INTERESTING ITEMS.

With very earliest organization of school districts they started numbering in townships. This was changed in 1864 to a county enumeration. St. George was first organized as District 1 of St. George Township but the number was soon changed to District 7 of Pottawatomie County.

The following excerpt is taken from clerk's Record of District 1 of the report of meeting held on June 24, 1867. "A motion to invite J. Limbaker to read the Will of T. Blackley. A motion made by old Limbroker to recind the action of the three last meetings and carried by sign some voting with misunderstanding. No adjournment but broke up in a general fight".

Four Special School meetings were held in 1867, one in 1868, and five in 1869.

Aug. 10, 1869 Gave Sam Rowe an order for $ 5.00 from contingent fund for hauling old schoolhouse.

Branches taught in 1870: Alphabet, Spelling, Reading, Penmanship, Mental Arithmetic, written Arithmetic, Geography, English, Grammar, U.S. History, and Physiology. Texts used; Wilsons Spellers and Readers, Blunk Penmanship, Ray's Arithmetic, Mitchell's Geography, Harvey's Grammar, Goodrich's History and Cutters Physiology.

In 1873 Institute was held in October.

In 1874 there was one day Christmas Vacation.

On August 19, 1873 the Director walked out of a school board meeting because they wouldn't hire his daughter to teach and there was no formal meeting again of the board until December 20th.

About the only expense the district had beside providing building, teachers, and water was for heating wood. Board would specify kind of wood, usually Oak or Hackberry and whether it would be dry or green and ask for bids. They paid about $4.50 for green Oak wood and $3.50 for dry.

Instead of voting a budget to run the school financially the meetings for many years voted levies of so many mills for general and contingent funds. (varied from 5 to 10 mills).

On September 19, 1882 an election was held to vote on a county seat. This election changed the County seat from Louisville to Westmoreland.

In 1889 when the Blue Valley Bank of Manhattan failed, the Treasurer of District 1, had $ 83.40 of school funds deposited there. At the Annual meeting it was voted for District to take the loss.

Sometime between 1870 and 1876 District No. 1 borrowed $ 150. from E. B. Purcell at 20% of interest.

S-Session, Sal-Salary B-Boys in school G-Girls in school T-Total

From	To	S	Teachers Names	Sal	B	G	T
July 1, 1863		3mos	Unknown	12			18
Nov. 1864		3mos	Melinda Wilson	13			
1865		3mos	Unknown				
1866			No School				
Apr.29, 1867		3mos	Unknown				
Mar.31, 1868		3mos	Abbie B. Allen	30	8	9	17
Apr.22, 1869		3mos	Mrs. E. M. Lowe	25			
Feb.14, 1870		2mos	J. C. Soupene	50			
Apr.18, 1870		3mos	J. C. Soupene	40			73
Apr.24, 1871	July 14, 1871	3mos	Margaret Sobfield	30	24	25	49
Aug.15, 1871	Nov. 6, 1871	3mos	Margaret Scofield	30	24	14	38
Nov.28, 1871	Feb. 23, 1872	3mos	A. E. Costella	50	40	23	63
Apr.15, 1872	July 9, 1872	3mos	Amanda Arnold	40	21	25	46
Sept23, 1872	Nov. 15, 1872	2mos	Luella Houston	40	19	24	43
Dec. 2, 1872	Feb. 2, 1873	3mos	W. S. Thompson	45	21	15	36
Apr.14, 1873	July 5, 1873	3mos	Emma A. Damon	35			
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Apr.20, 1874	July 11, 1874	3mos	Jennie Buckingham	30	21	20	41
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Apr. 5, 1875	june 28, 1875	3mos	Sarah Conroy	28.33			
Sept13, 1875	Nov. 5, 1875	2mos	Alice Morse	35			
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1876 -77	8 months		E. F. Clark	41.50			
1877 -78	5 months		W. S. Thompson	50			
1878	1 months	Fall	J. S. Figgins	35			
1878 -79	3 months	Winter	J. S. Figgins	45			
1879	2 months	Spring	Miss Cobb	30			38
1879	2 months	Fall	J. P. Stewart	40			49
1879	3 months	Winter	J. P. Stewart	50			52
1880	2 months	Spring	J. P. Stewart	40			
1880 -81	4 months	Fall	E. D. Stewart	37.59			
1881	4 months	Winter	W. A. Calvin	38.75			
1881 -82	4 months	Fall	W. A. Calvin	40			
1882	2 months	Spring	L. Gray	?			
1882	2 months	Fall	E. Jones	40	14	15	29
1882--83	4 months	Winter	A. L. Stiers	60	32	21	53
1883	2 months	Spring	Sarah Conroy	35	12	17	29
1883 -84	4½ months	Winter	N. S. Theakston	45	25	21	46
1884 -85	6 months	Winter	Maggie Schatz	40			
1885 -86	6 months	Winter	G. W. McClenathan	40			
1886 -87	1 month	Fall	W. H. Carney	45			
1887	7 months	Winter	Laura McClenathan	35			
1887 -88	6 months	Winter	B. F. Powers	45			44
1888	2 months	Spring	H. F. McCoy	35			
1888 -89	9 months	Winter	J. F. Curtis	40	12	15	27
1889 -90	7 months	Winter	Helen F. McCoy	40	15	18	33
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1893 -94	8 months	A. L. Spalding	40.	16	17	33
1894 -95	8 months	J. Cunningham	35	14	11	25
1895 -96	8 months	Sarah McCoy	35	23	16	39
1896 -97	8 months	Joseph Cunningham	35	13	16	29
1897 -98	8 months	Edith Byinall or Bagnell	35			
1898 -99	7 months	Edith Byinall	35			
1899 -1900	8 months	Lena Tatman	40			
1900 -01	8 months	F. A. Brown	50			
1901 -02	8 months	Mary Holuba				
1902 -03	8 months	Grace Downey				
1903 -04	8 months	Ida Moriarty		20	23	43
1904 -05	8 months	Anna Kramer		26	26	52
1905 -06	8 months	Nellie M. Burke		13	32	45
1906 -07	8 months	Lucy A. Hall		18	11	29
1907 -08	8 months	Valentine Pillsbury		18	18	36
1908 -09	8 months	Valentine Pillsbury				31
1909 -10	8 months	Mary Kahler				40
1910 -11	8 mohths	Mary Kahler				40
1911 -12	8 months	Mary Kahler				34
1912 -13	8 months	Mary Kahler				34
1913 -14	8 months	Mary Reidy				42
1914 -15	8 months	Susan Conroy				32
1915 -16	8 months	Susan Conroy				30
1916 -17	8 months	Mary Grady				28
1917 -18	8 Months	Mary Grady				30
1918 -19	8 months	Margaret Flynn				27
1919 -20	8 months	Margaret Flynn				24
1920 -21	8 months	Angela Leonard				22
1921 -22	8 months	Veronica Moylan				23
1922 -23	8 months	Adella Glenn				29
1923 -24	8 months	Adella Glenn				31
1924 -25	8 months	Anna Donovan				27
1925 -26	8 months	Anna Donovan				25
1926 -27	8 months	Delbert Johnson				17
1927 -28	8 months	Ruth Richards				30
1928 -29	8 months	Ruth Richards				19
1929 -30	8 months	Ruth Marks				
1930 -31	8 months	Ruth Marks				
1931 -32	8 months	Steve Ryan				
1932 -33	8 months	Inez Heptig				
1933 -34	8 months	Inez Heptig				
1934 -35	8 months	Loretta Schmelzle				
1935 -36	8 months	Loretta Schmelzle				
1936 -37	8 months	Mary Siebert				
1937 -38	8 months	Mary Siebert				
1938 -39	8 months	Mary Siebert				
1939 -40	8 months	Mary Meeham				
1940 -41	8 months	Mary Meeham				
1941 -42	8 months	Mary Meeham				

Date	Session	Teachers	Sal.	B	G	T
1942 -43	8 months	Catherine Heptig				
1943 -44	8 months	Catherine Heptig				
1944 -45	8 months	Mary Kahler				
1945 -46	8 months	Mary Kahler				
1946 -47	8 months	Mary Kahler				
1947 -48	8 months	Mary Kahler				

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS.

Dec. 1862 -- Officers.
John L. Soupene, Dir.
S. V. Lee, Clerk
Malchi Glenn, Treas.

Nov. 1864 NO. 1.
George W. Mays, Clerk
J. L. Soupene, Dir.
Machi Glenn, Treas.

July 1865 -- An. meeting.
J. L. Soupene, Dir.
John Conroy, Clerk.
J. W. Mays, Treas.

1866 - July 1867 No School.

1867 Mar. 25.
John L. Soupene, Dir.
S. Lee Clerk
Joseph Spalding, Treas.

1867 April, 29.
Minutes written by Joe Stewart Dist. Clerk. (No record of how he became clerk)

1868 Mar. 26.
Owen W. Bill, Dir.
Wm. S. Hurlbut, Clerk
John H. Richards, Treas.

1869 Mar. 25.
Wm. S. Hurlbut, Dir.
J. Lowe, Clerk
J. H. Richards, Treas.
(The above resigned on Apr. 26 when Dists. 1, 26, & 32 were consolidated)

1869 Apr. 26
Welcome Wells Dir.
J. W. Lowe, Clerk
J. L. Soupene, Treas.

1870 Mar. 31
Daniel Cunningham Dir.
Malichi Glenn, Treas.
S. V. Lee, Clerk
Above information taken from Clerks Records.

1871 --
Mrs. Thos. Costello, Dir.
E. Aldrich, Clerk
M. Glenn, Treas.

1872 -- Apr. 6.
John Conroy, Dir.
J. H. Limbocker, Clerk
J. E. Rinehart, Treas.

1873. --Thos. Costello, Dir.
W. F. Allen, Clerk
M. Glenn, Treas.

1874 -- J. F. Swingle, Clerk
J. L. Soupene, Dir.
Welcome Wells, Treas.

1875 -- Aug. 12,
Welcome Wells elected Treas.
1875 seems to be the start of election, only 1 new member to the Board.

1876 -- J. J. Mails, Clerk

1877 -- J. F. Swingle, Dir.

1878 -- Welcome Wells, Treas.

1879 -- E. J. Rinehart, Clerk, Resigned

1880 -- J. G. Davis, Dir. " "

1881 -- J. S. Spaulding, Tres. " "
1881 -- S. P. Richards, Clerk, Apptd.

1882 -- John H. Richards, Tres " "
1882 Malchi Glenn, Dir " "
1882 -- C. M. Soupene, Clerk " "
1882 -- Malachi Glenn, Dir Elected
1882 -- J. F. Swingle, Tres. left Co.
1882 -- S. P. Richards, Clerk

1882 or 83 E.J. Rinehart, Tres. Apptd.
1883 -- M. J. Glenn, Dir. Elected

1884 -- W. Wells, Tres. Appointed, elect. ann.meet.
1885 -- Charles Laffer, Clerk.

1886 -- M. J. Glenn, Dir.

1887 -- Mrs. Aby Garrett, Clerk
1887 -- M. B. Powers, Treas.

1888 -- Mr. Martin, Clerk

1889 -- L. T. Fields, Dir.
S. P. Richards to fill unexpired
term of Martin, Clerk.

Any further information may be obtained at the County Supt. Office.

SCHOOL CENSUS FROM 1862 to 1882.

Year	Male	Female	Total between 5 & 21 Yrs.	Enrolled in school	Average daily attendence.	
1862			70			
1863			69			
1865			72			
1868			20	17	10½	
1869			85			
1870	50	48	98	73		
1871	57	47	104	70		
1872	60	48	108	89	24	
1873	48	34	82	52	27	
1874	50	40	90	69	28	
1875	57	45	102	98	39	
1876	57	48	105	106	52½	
1877	41	45	86	65		
1878	46	36	82	66		
1879	44	37	81	38		
1880	57	45	102	75		
1881	50	42	92			

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School District 1862

Whole of Blue Township

Commencing at the S. W. Cor. Sec. 35 (T 8 R8) running W to Blue River (Old Channel) then down said river to the Kansas River, thence down said river to point where the guide meridian crosses thence N to N. E. Cor. Sec 24, T 9 R 8, thence W 2mi. to N. W. Cor. Sec. 23 (T 9 R 8) thence N. 3 Miles to place of beginning.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD BOOK

District 1, 1866

Beg. N. E. Cor. Sec. 3 T 9 R 8, thence W to N. W. Cor. Sec. 4, T 9 R 8, thence S to*S. W. Cor. Sec. 32 T 9 R 8, Thence W to Blue River, then down said river to Kansas River thence down Kansas River to S. E. Cor. Sec. 14, T 10 R 8, thence N to the center of Sec. 1, T 10 R 8 thence E., 1 mile thence N to N. E. Cor. Sec. 24, thence W to N. W. Cor. Sec. 23 thence N to place of beginning. *(Must mean N.E. Cor.)

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD BOOK

District 1, 1869

Beg. at the N. E. Cor. Sec. 24, T 9 R8, Thence W to Blue River, thence down said river to the line between Sec. 8 and 9, T 10 R 8, thence S to Kas. River, thence down said river to the line between Sec. 13 & 14, thence N to center of E. side of Sec. 2, thence E, 1 mile thence N. to place of beginning.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD BOOK

District 1, 1870

Beg O the N. cen. Sec 24, T 9 R 8, thence W to N. W. Cor. Sec. 20 T9 R8, thence S to Blue River, thence down said river to line between Sec. 8 & 9, T 10 R 8, thence S to Kansas River, thence down said river to line between Sec. 14 & 13 thence N to center Sec. 1, T 10 R 8, thence E ½ mile, thence N to place of beg.

Map made by Co. Supt. Lowe in front of Clerk's Record Book, No. 2 of District 1.

District 118 -- 1947

Beginning at N. E. Cor. Sec. 23, T 9 R 8, W to N. center Sec. 20, thence S 2 mi. thence W to Blue river thence down old channel of Blue River to Kansas river thence down Kansas river to center line of Sec. 24, T10 R8, thence N to N center Sec 25, T9 R8 thence W ¾ mile, thence N ½ mi, thence W½ mi, thence N½ mi. to place of beginning.

District 32, 1867

Start at E center Sec. 2, T 10 R 8 straight W to Blue River, thence down old channel Blue River then Kansas River to line between Secs. 13 & 14, thence N to place of beginning.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD BOOK

District 26 - 1867

Start N center Sec. 22 T 9 R 8, thence S to center of Sec. 3 T 10 R 8, thence E to center line of Sec. 1 T 10 R 8, thence N to N E cor. of Sec 24, T 9 R 8 then W place of beginning.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD BOOK

District 36 - 1868

Beg. @ N E cor of sec. 3T9 R 8 thence W to N cor. of Sec. 6, thence S to S qr. Cor. Sec. 7, thence W to Blue river thence S to line between Sec. 29 & 30 thence N to S E cor. of Sec 18 thence E to S E cor Sec. 15 thence N to place of beginning.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD BOOK

BLACKLY WILL

Whereas the Trustees of the Blackly Estate propose to School District No. 1 in Blue Township to appropriate the funds that is in their hands from said Estate (about 400. dollars) toward the erection of a school house (which also shall be open to all Religious Denominations for public Divine Service when not occupied for school) for the benefit of said District on the following conditions; First, That said District adopt a school house site chosen by said Trustees. It being the N E corner of W½ of N E¼ of Sec. 4 Town 10 South of Range 8 East. And second, That when the money in the hands of said trustees is expended as mentioned above, And the title of the Lot and House is conveyed from said Trustees to the Officers of said District No. 1, the District shall proceed to finish and complete the House. And third, That when the house ceases to be used as a school House the said Trustees or their successors shall receive their proportion of its? to be reappropriated upon the conditions above.

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HISTORY OF NEW BUILDING.

On May 5, 1952 an election was held to vote $50,000 bonds for a new school plant. It passed with 73 voting for it, 16 against. On May 19 a Special School Meeting was held at Elbow School to decide on site for new school. The present location received 26 votes while 6 votes were cast for 3 other sites. On June 22 the board signed a check for $2,475. ($25 had been paid when contract was signed) for the school site. On July 2, the school board, Glover and Newcombe Architects and 19 contractors met at Swamp Angel school to open sealed bids.

Bids accepted at,

General Contractor -- Wheeler --	37,271.80
Electric Contractor -- Aker --	2,195.00
Plumbing Contractor -- Powell --	2,850.00
Heating Contractor -- Powell --	1,635.00
Pump -- Duncan --	503.00

The school moved into new building Jan. 26, 1953

General Contract ----	$ 36,844.00	
Heating & Plumbing ----	4,485.00	
Electric ----	2,310.00	
Architect ----	2,618.34	
Sale of Bonds ----	266.37	
Treas Bonds ----	465.00	(some of this later returned)
Legal Fees ----	55.00	
Site ----	2,500.00	
Advertising ----	17.85	
Well ----	985.01	
Total	$ 50,546.59	

Added Later

Stage ---- $913.00 Sidewalks ---- $495.00 Floor Tile ---- $360.00

DISTRICT NO. 1

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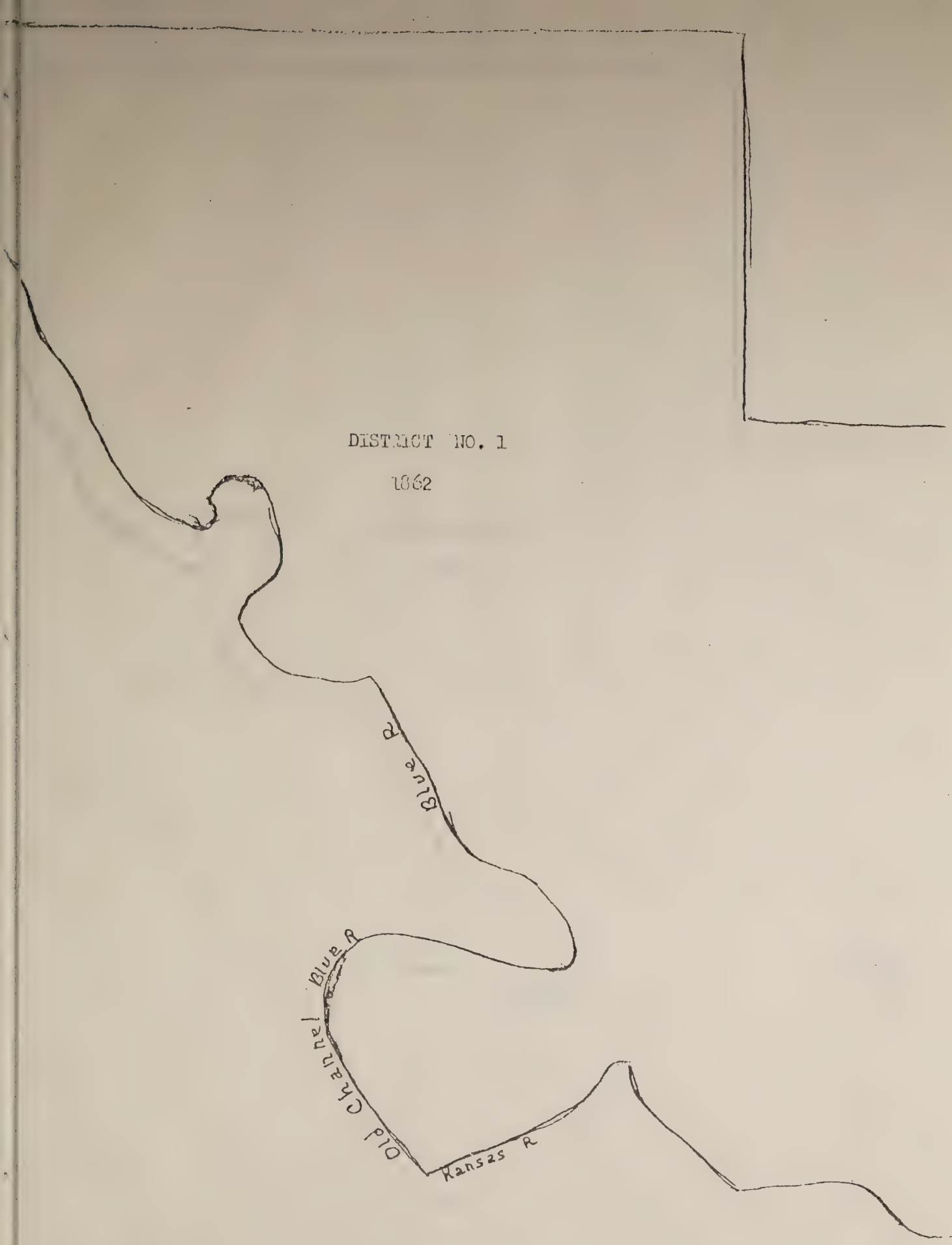

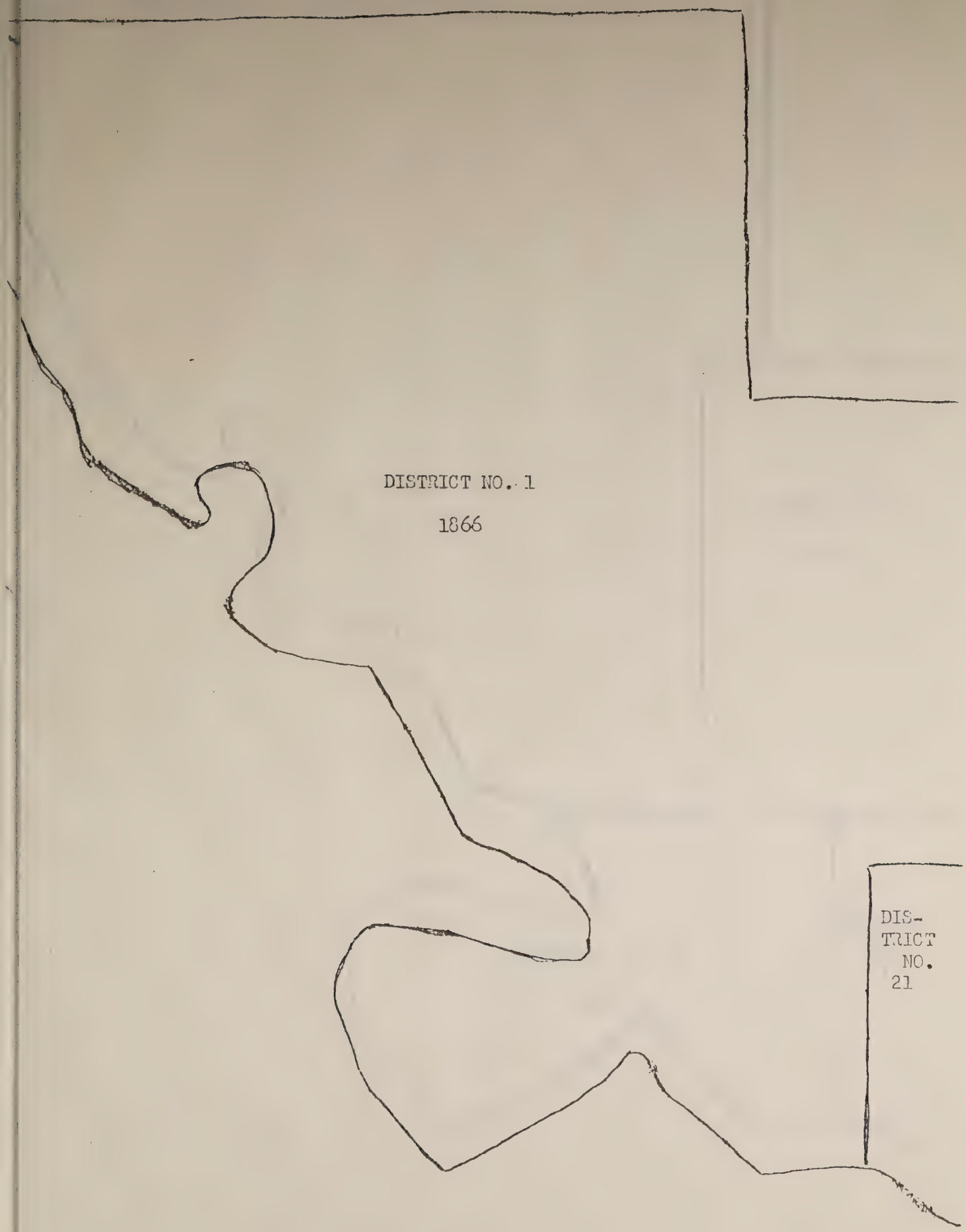
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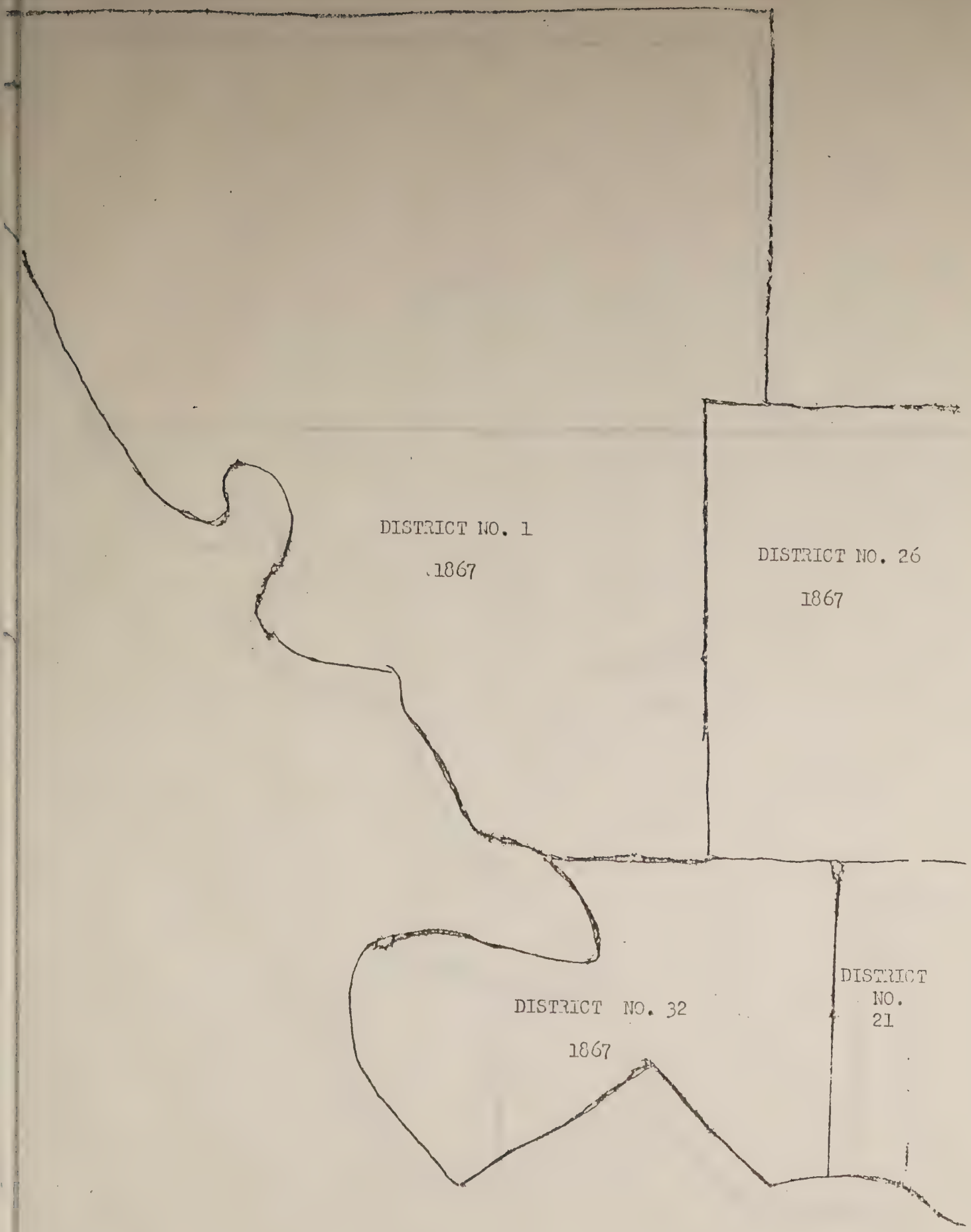
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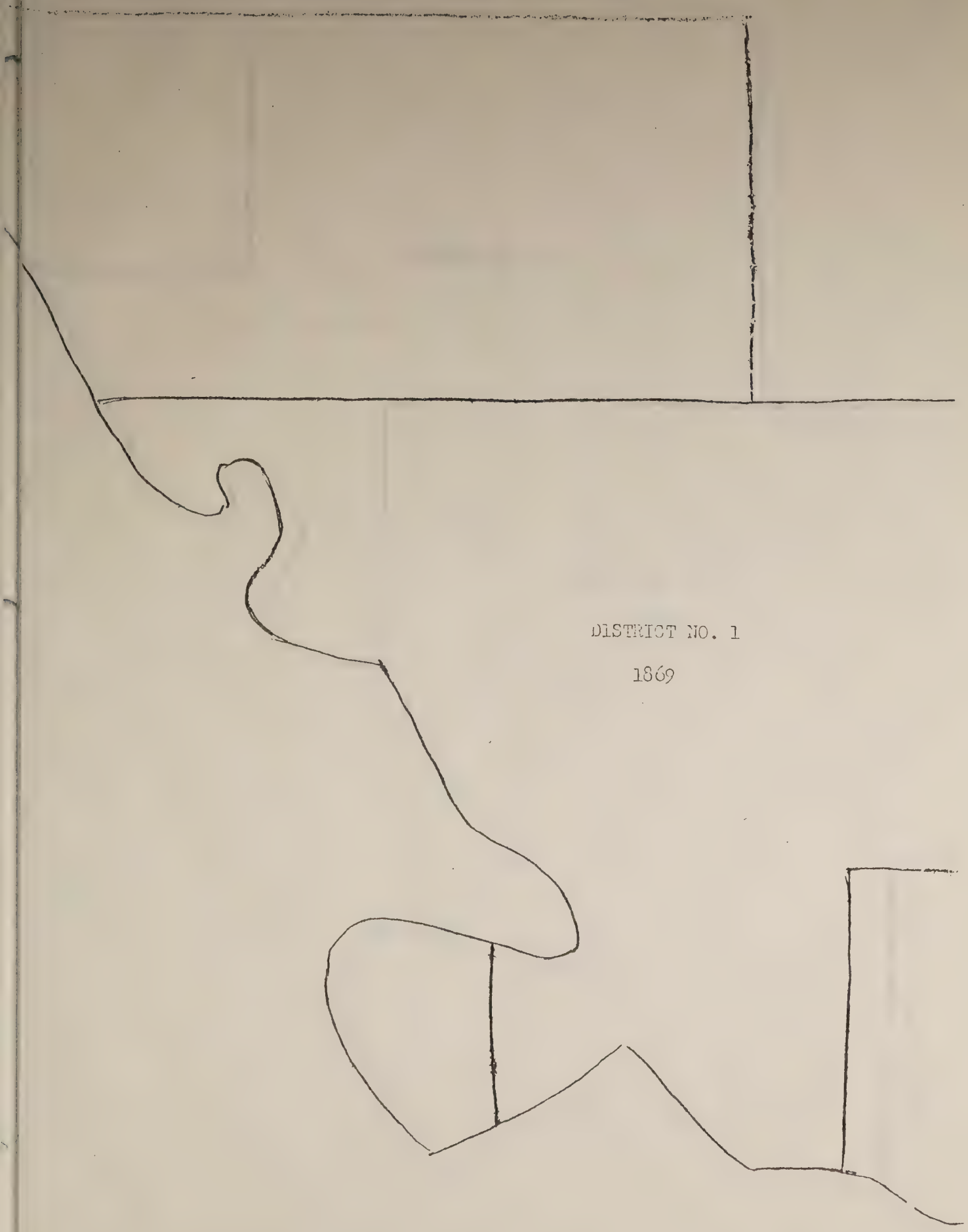
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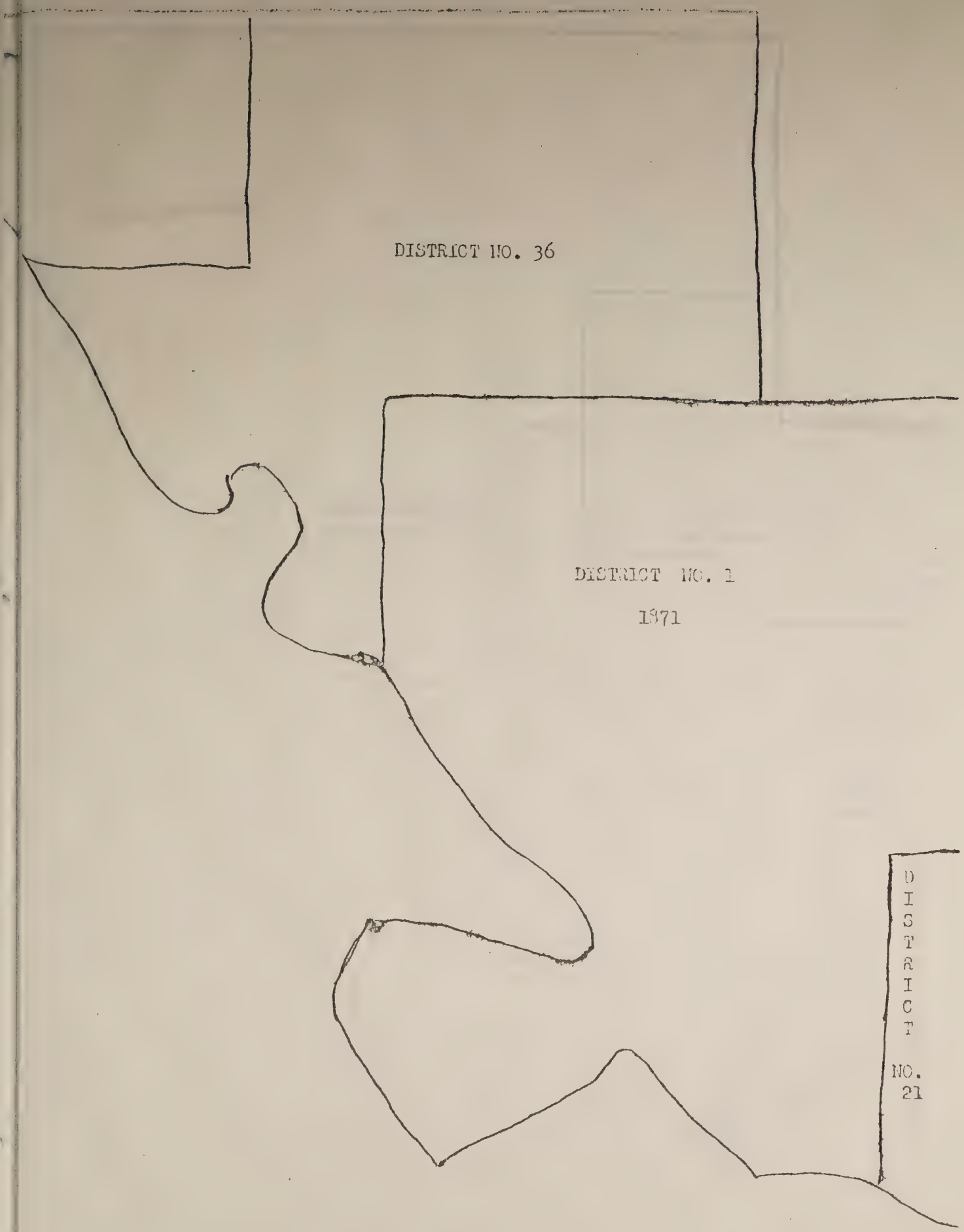
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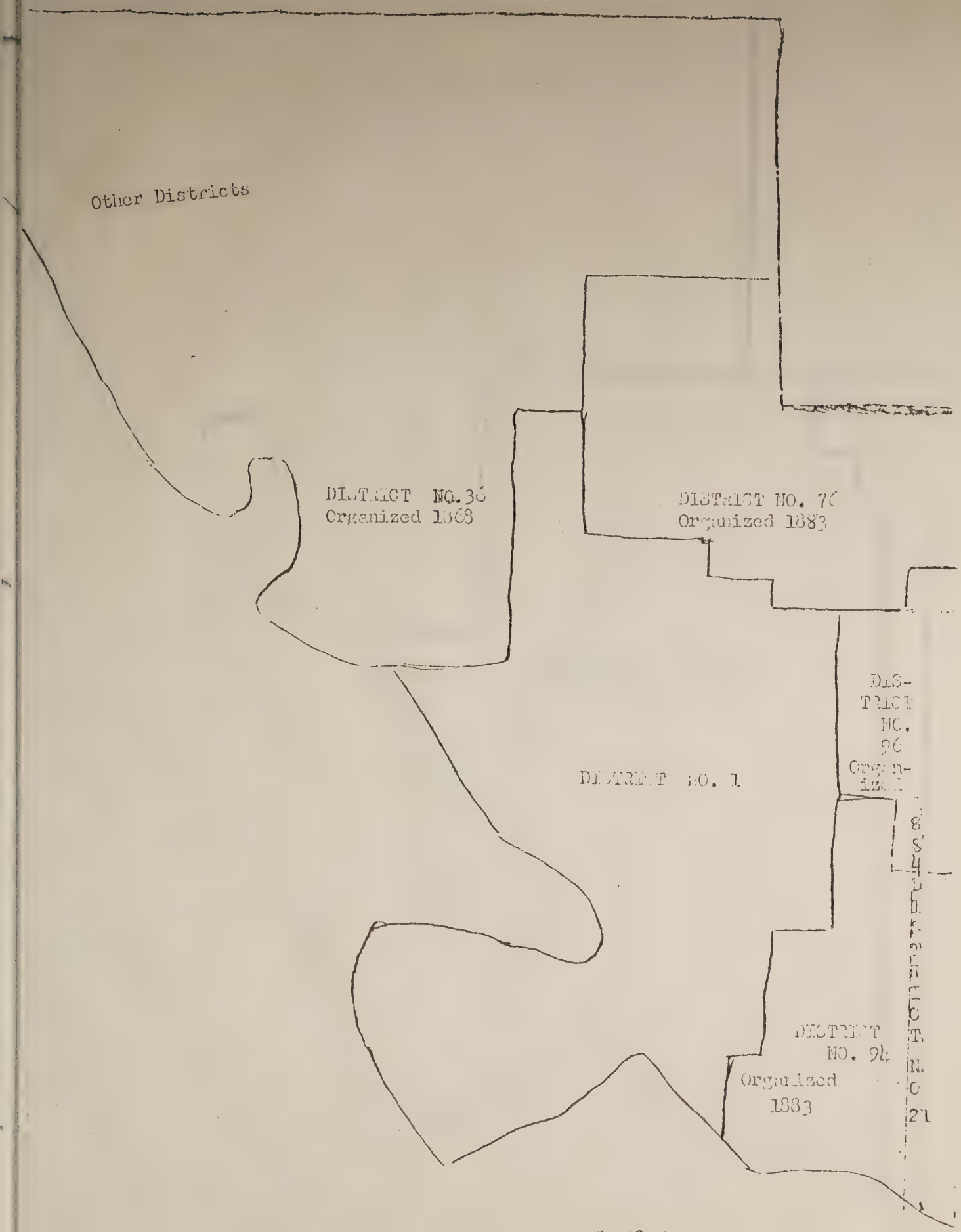
Districts as they remained for 63 years



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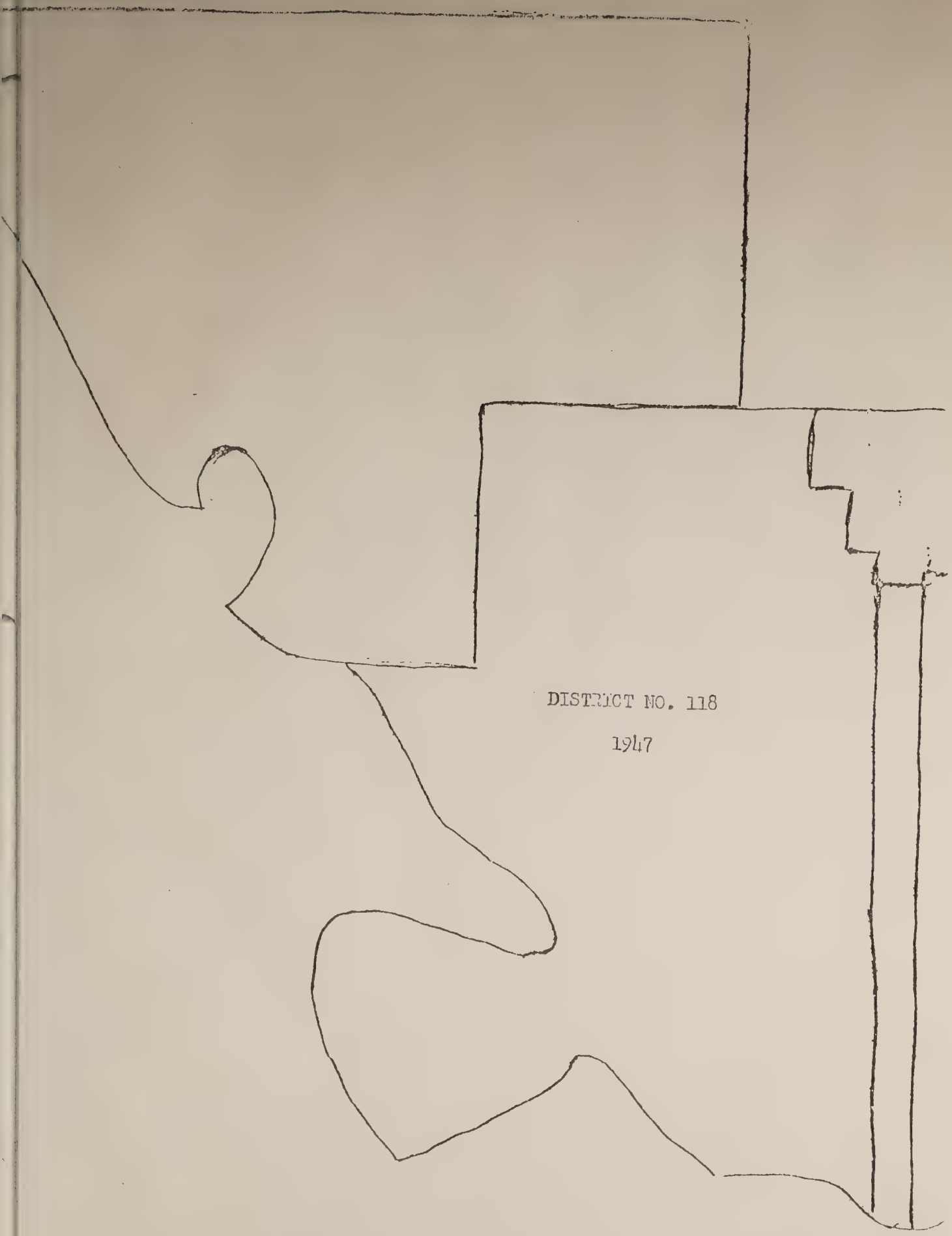
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